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CIVAIR: PRESS COMMENTS ON NEGOTIATIONS

1. CORRIERE DELLA SERA MAY 27 SAID AIR NEGOTIATIONS STUCK AND SUSPENSION OF AIRLINE SERVICE THREATENED. QUOTED CAPOMAZZA: "WE ARE NOW YET IN POSITION TO SAY WHETHER WE SHALL ARRIVE AT AN AGREEMENT." ARTICLE, INITIALLED "RM" SAID US DELEGATION UNDERSTANDS THAT IT HAS TO MAKE SOME CONCESSIONS; THE ITALIAN DELEGATION IS FIRM ON THE PRINCIPLE OF FULL AND COMPLETE RECIPROCITY. FROM THIS COMES THE RESISTANCE. WE ASKED AMB. CAPOMAZZA: "AND IF THE OTHER SIDE REFUSES YOUR CONDITIONS?" "WE WILL ACCEPT THE ACT OF FORCE OF SUSPENDING ALL TRAFFIC. WE WANT TOMAKE A BETTER AGREEMENT."

2. IL GIORNO QUOTED CAPOMAZZA: "WE ARE ON EVE OF AGREEMENT OR

DISAGREEMENT." ARTICLE SAID NEITHER AMERICANS NOR ITALIANS KNOW HOW MATTERS WILL END UP. SAID INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE OBVIOUSLY NOT WISHED BY ANYONE BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC DAMAGE AT BEGINNING OF TOURIST SEASON. CONTINUED: "BUT US DELEGATION APPEARS INTRANSIGENT: WISHES TO ARRIVE AT GENERAL AGREEMENT, WHILE ITALIANS WILLING DISCUSS ALSO LIMITED AGREEMENT. IF THIS CAN'T BE REACHED, US COULD ARRIVE AT 'MADNESS' OF SUSPENDING FLIGHTS: A TEST OF STRENGTH, ALL THE SAME, THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE PART OF THE ITALIANS."

3. UMBERTO NANNINI, IN GIORNALE D'ITALIAN, SAID NO SIGN THAT POSITIVE CONCLUSION IN SIGHT. ALITALIA, TWA AND PANAM FLIGHTS MAY BE SUSPENDED, OR GOVERNED BY VERY SHORT TERM AGREEMENTS ON CASE BY CASE BASIS, IF NOT EVEN PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT IS REACHED. "IT IS EVIDENT THAT IF OUR DELEGATION, CONSCIOUS OF OUR RIGHTS, IS FIRM IN ITS REQUESTS FOR MORE FAVORABLE YET EQUITABLE CONDITIONS FOR OUR CARRIER, THE AMERICAN DELEGATION

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IS JUST AS UNBENDING IN SEEKING TO CONSERVE PRIVILEGED POSITIONS OF US COMPANIES, AND HAS NOT MADE ANY ACCEPTABLE CONCESSION." NOTING ITALIAN DESIRES FOR ROUTES TO WEST COAST, MIAMI, MEXICO

CITY AND AROUND THE WORLD VIA US, MANNINI POINTS OUT THAT ITALIANS IN IDFFICULT POSITION OF NOT BEING ABLE TO OFFER ANYTHING US DOESN'T ALREADY HAVE.

4. ON MAY 31 THERE WAS A SECOND FLURRY OF ARTICLES. IL TEMPO SAID NEGOTIATIONS SO FAR WITHOUT PROSPECTIVE RESULTS. DELEGATION HEADS CONTINUING HOWEVER TO HAVE CONTACTS IN ORDER TO FIND A WAY TO EXTEND AT LEAST UNTIL JUNE 7 THE TERMINATION (MIDNIGHT TONIGHT) BEFORE WHICH A NEW AGREEMENT SHOULD BE CONCLUDED. SAID THAT ACCORDING TO LITERAL INTERPRETATION, AIR SERVICES WOULD HAVE TO BE SUSPENDED OTHERWISE. BUT THAT HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED AND THE TWO DELEGATION HEADS ARE TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE TO HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF CARRYING OUT FURTHER EXAMINATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS WHICH ARE FOR THE MOMENT APPARENTLY IRRECONCILABLE.

5. IL GIORNO BASED ITS ARTICLE ON AN AIR PRESS RELEASE SAYS THE TALKS HAVE PRACTICALLY FAILED AND THE DELEGATIONS ARE CONSULTING TO PREVENT INTERRUPTION OF SERVICES. SAID THE DENOUNCED AGREEMENT PLACED ALITALIA IN DISADVANTAGEOUS POSITION, AND OUR DELEGATION HAS APPARENTLY REQUESTED EXTENSION OF TRAFFIC TO FOUR POINTS MORE THAN THOSE NOW SERVED AT NEW YARK, BOSTON AND CHICAGO; THAT IS LOS ANGELES, DALLAS, MEXICO,

AND ATLANTA STOPS FOR FUTURE ROUTES: AROUND THE WORLD, TO MEXICO, AND TO SOUTH AMERICA VIA PANAMA. CONTINUED THAT US, WHICH SUPPOSEDLY HAS BEEN RATHER INTRANSIGENT, WANTED TO CONCEDE ONLY LOS ANGELES WHILE REQUESTING AS COUNTERPART ROUTES BEYOND ROME TO AFRICA, ASIA AND AUSTRALIA. IN EFFECT, ARTICLE CONTINUED, AMERICAN DELEGATIONS HAS ASKED WHAT LITTLE ITALY COULD STILL GIVE, BUT CONCEDED VERY LITTLE, ALSO BECAUSE THE LOS ANGELES STOP WOULD BE REACHED BY ITALIAN JETS THROUGH MONTREAL AND NOT NEW YORK.

6. UNITA' ALSO BASED ITS ARTICLE ON AIR PRESS RELEASE. ASKED WHETHER FLIGHTS WILL BE SUSPENDED, SAID AERONAUTICAL CIRCLES IN THE CAPITAL THINK IT IS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE CAPABLE OF AN ACTIVE REBELLION AGAINST THE USA. SAID US SIDE DOES NOT INTEND TO CONCEDE ANY OF ITALIAN REQUESTS, WHUCH ARE FOR MORE POINTS ON AMERICAN

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TERRITORY PLUS FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS SUCH AS AMERICAN COMPANIES ENJOY THROUGH ITALY. SAID THE USA, OR BETTER US COMPANIES, WHO SEE ALITALIA AS COMPETITOR, OPPOSE THESE REQUESTS.

7. LA STAMPA SAID DELEGATIONS ATTEMPTING ARRIVE AT /DE FACTO/ POSTPONEMENT OF TERMINATION FOR FEW DAYS WHICH WOULD PERMIT CONTINUED SERVICES BETWEEN USE OF NEW YORK AND ROME. SAID CONTROVERSIAL POINTS AIN ARRIVING AT THIS PROVISIONAL SOLUTION CONSISTS OF AMERICAN REQUEST TO CONPNUE ROUTES BEYOND ROME AS IN DENOUNCED AGREEMENT. THAT AGREEMENT GAVE US RIGHTS TO AIRPORTS OF ROME, MILAN, GENOA (SOC) AND NAPLES TAKING PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT DIRECTED TO AFRICA, ASIA AND FAR AND NEAR EAST. ITALIAN COMPANY INSTEAD COULD NOT GO BEYOND STOP OF NEW YORK, BOSTON AND CHICAGO. THIS LIMITATION PREVENTED ALITALIA NOT ONLY FROM BEGINNING SERVICE TO WEST COAST PACIFIC BUT ALSO FROM REACHING MEXICO, NUMEROUS OTHER COUNTRIES AND OPERATING PROPOSED AROUND THE WORLD ROUTE.
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